

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.106
<b>Historic Name:</b>	
<b>Common Name:</b>	Mayo, Timothy House
<b>Address:</b>	2455 Nauset Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	05-095
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1830
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Federal
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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## BUILDING FORM

2455 Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION      See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Current owners characterize this dwelling as 2, separate dwellings joined together: a "1/4"? house built c. 1720 joined to "a 3/4 cape built 10 or 20 years later." The validity of this description cannot be substantiated from exterior observation. The residence presents the appearance of a typical, 4 x 3-bay, rectangular, ship's-bow roofed, 3/4 Cape Cod house form or house and a half and is exceptionally well preserved. It has been expanded with numerous additions oriented to the side and rear in a subordinated fashion so that the main block maintains its prominence. A narrow, gable-roofed connection attaches a modern, 1-story, gable-roofed, section with a projecting, shed-roofed appendage to the main block in lateral formation. A perpendicularly-oriented, 1-story, gable-roofed, rear ell projects off the northwest corner. It too has a tiny, 1-story, gable-roofed, perpendicular-oriented attachment to the north.

As is characteristic of such houses in Eastham, detailing is spare, largely limited to end boards and boxed cornice with narrow eaves. Emphasis is placed on the main entry of 5-panel, wooden door with wide plain trim surmounted by a 4-light, straight transom. Fenestration consists of 6/9, double-hung sash on the first floor of the main block; 6/2 lights on the second floor of the side elevations and 6/6, double-hung sash on the side ell. Window trim varies to include plain, molded and cap-molded casings suggesting varying periods of construction. Blinds have been removed. The large, rebuilt chimney is located off center on the ridge line of the main block. A secondary chimney is located on the main section of the side ell.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

Local tradition and assessor's cards (original source for which is unknown) dating this house to c. 1720 with a c. 1740 addition have not been substantiated. Title research on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives traces a chain of title only to the middle of the twentieth century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

     Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Utilizing local maps, the first owner that can be associated with the property is Timothy Mayo who is listed at the house on the 1858 map of Eastham. Timothy Mayo was a sixth generation descendant of Reverend John Mayo, Eastham's first minister. He married Lydia (Doane) Mayo.

Their son, Oliver Mayo, who is listed at this site on the 1880 map of Eastham, apparently succeeded to the property. Oliver Mayo was born in 1817. He worked as a sailor until 1847 then earned a living as an oysterman for ten years before becoming a farmer. He is still recorded as such in the 1901 directory of Eastham. Oliver Mayo married Rebecca F. Knowles, daughter of Joshua Knowles and had two children: Ella L. Mayo and George O. Mayo. The former apparently inherited the holding. She is associated with the house on the 1908 map of Eastham.

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